



## THE WORDEN GRAPE.

A very large number of our Customers have requested us to send them Vines, that would be as hardy as the Concord, and as productive; but earlier and of better quality.

If any one of our eighty varieties can meet requirements so difficult, it is the WORDEN. After several years trial, we have concluded to recommend it, with some confidence that all of our friends who may order vines will be pleased with it. It is a seedling of the Concord, and has been fruited 15 years.

*"It has proved to be early, hardy and prolific, and the quality of the fruit First-rate."*  
S. WORDEN.

The fruit still brings the highest price in market.

**It took the First Premium at the Wisconsin state fair; Quality to rule**

**PRICES.**— 2 and 3 years old vines, very strong, \$1.00 each.

2 years old vines, good plants, \$.75 each.

1 year old vines, good plants, 50 cents each.

If the vines are to be sent by MAIL, ADD 6 CENTS FOR POSTAGE.

**J. W. ADAMS, Springfield. Mass.**

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## TESTIMONIALS OF FRUIT GROWERS.

"This is regarded as the very best of Native Black Grapes. Bunches large, very handsome; double shouldered; berries large, flesh sweet, spicy and deliciously flavored, and of more decided character than any early ripening grape yet introduced. It matures its fruit ten days before the Concord. It is universally hardy, thrifty and productive. The high encomiums passed upon it by some of the best Pomologists of the country should induce every one to procure this best of early sorts."

A. HAMMOND, SENECA Co. N. Y.

Compared with the Concord, there is a strong similarity in their general characteristics—the same texture and thin skin; but the Worden, judging from this examination and comparison, is distinctly a better grape, the flavor being sweeter and more agreeable. We measured several of the berries, which were fully seven-eighths of an inch in diameter.—J. J. THOMAS, in COUNTRY GENTLEMAN of Oct. 1.

From the Editor of the FRUIT RECORDER.—The past season they ripened, and were good fully ten days before the Concord, and three to four days earlier than the Hartford. These three sorts, within twenty-four feet of each other while the Wordens were ripe and good, the Concords had barely began to turn. With me the Worden is equal to the Concord in productiveness and hardiness, and superior in flavor. Fruit does not crack like the Concord. Size of bunch and berry about the same; perhaps a trifle in favor of the Concord.

A. M. PURDY, MUNROE Co. N. Y.

From Wm. H. EARLE, WORCESTER, JANUARY 28, 1878. I have grown the Worden Grape three years with increasing confidence in its value for general cultivation. IT IS HARDY, PROLIFIC AND RIGNS EARLY.

T. M. LAMB—COM. ON GRAPES WORCESTER HORT. SOCIETY, SAYS—From specimens received and reliable testimony of those growing it I believe it to be an excellent grape for cultivation.

~~The WORDEN was awarded the First Premium by the WORCESTER HORT. SOCIETY.~~

J. C. LOVELL, 1872.

Do., 1873.

CHAS. NASH, 1874.

J. C. LOVELL, 1875.

HORATIO PHELPS, 1876.

W. H. EARLE, 1877.

A. B. HOWARD, HAMPSHIRE Co., a large grower of Pears & Grapes in his letter of Oct. 3, 1877, says:—The WORDEN GRAPE, which I purchased at your NURSERY has never failed to bear abundant crops, superior in quality to the Concord and sure to ripen at least ten days earlier.

T. C. THURLOW,—Chairman of the ESSEX CO. FRUIT COM.—writes, JAN. 28, 1878, "The two past seasons we have given a special premium to the WORDEN, as a promising new Grape."

MANY PAGES could be added to these testimonials, from eminent Horticulturists in Connecticut, N. J., Ohio and Mass., some claiming it to be 3 or 4 weeks ahead of the Concord. Those who have tried it the longest and who have carefully compared it with the CONCORD, agree upon its being **TEN DAYS EARLIER.** To this most essential qualification for the NORTH, may be added

**Large size, Good color and great productiveness;**

**FREEDOM FROM MILDEW, HARDINESS WITHOUT PROTECTION**

**And Excellent Flavor;**

**Combining more good qualities for New England,**

THAN ANY OTHER VINE NOW OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC. To QUOTE MR. WORDEN,

"WE HEAR GOOD REPORTS OF IT FROM ALL QUARTERS."